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SUBJECT: KOSYGIN RECEIVES DRV FOREIGN MINISTER TRHINH

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1. PRAVDA (DECEMBER 5) ANNOUNCES THAT KOSYGIN RECEIVED DRV
DEPUTY PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH
DECEMBER 4. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT TRINH, WHO IS
LEADING A GOVERNMENT-ECONOMIC DELEGATION HERE, WE ACCOMPANIED
BY DRV DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER CHAN SHAM, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN TRADE NGUYEN VAN DAO AND DRV AMBASSADOR. PRAVDA
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DECEMBER 4) ALSO REPORTED THAT TRINH MET WITH GROMYKO DECEMBER 3.

2. REPORT ON TRINH'S MEETING WITH KOSYGIN SAYS TALKS CONCERNED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SOVIET-VIETNAMESE BILATERAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND SOVIET AID FOR THE DRV DURING THE COMING YEAR. THERE IS NO MENTION OF MILITARY AID. OTHERWISE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE ITEM IS REPORT THAT KOSYGIN REAFFIRMED SOVIET COMMITMENT TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT THE DRV IN MEETING THE PROBLEMS OF SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION AND IN ITS "JUST STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ATTEMPTS OF THE SAIGON REGIME TO UNDERMINE THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND HINDER THE SETTLEMENT OF SOUTH VIET NAM'S INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS."

3. PRAVDA (DECEMBER 4) ALSO ANNOUNCED RETURN TO MOSCOW FROM PARIS OF LE DUC THO. PRESS HOWEVER, MAKES NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THO'S ARRIVAL AND TRINH DELEGATION, AND THO HAS APPARENTLY NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN DELEGATION'S TALKS SO FAR.

4. COMMENT: IN KEEPING WITH SOVIET HANDLING OF VIET NAM DURING LE DUC THO'S STOP HERE ON HIS WAY TO PARIS (REFTEL) KOSYGIN AGAIN AVOIDED ANY DIRECT PUBLIC REFERENCE TO SAIGON "VIOLATIONS" OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND WENT EVEN LESS FAR REGARDING OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE THAN THE NOVEMBER 23 "COMMUNIQUE" BY FAILING EVEN TO ALLUDE TO SAIGON'S "IMPERIALIST" SUPPORTERS. ALTHOUGH PRESS MAKES NO REFERENCE TO IT, WE ASSUME THAT PRESENCE OF DRV DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER AS PART OF TRINH'S DELEGATION INDICATES MILITARY AID MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT SOVIET VIETNAMESE TALKS.
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